

Remarks

Applicants have canceled claims 2, 10 and 19, and have amended claims 1, 9 and 17 to incorporate the limitations of those canceled claims, thereby simplifying the issues and presenting the remaining claims in better form for appeal. Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

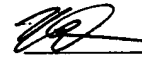
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